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SUBJECT: ~~BANGKOK ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING~~

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2. SUMMARY. THE BANGKOK COMMUNIQUE OF THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS ~~MAKES A TOUGHER PUBLIC LINE TOWARD VIETNAM~~ AND FOR THE FIRST TIME ~~PUBLICLY SOLICITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE FROM THIRD COUNTRIES FOR THE KHMER RESISTANCE~~. FM SITTHI TOLD THE AMBASSADOR ~~THE MINISTERS FELT IT NECESSARY TO MAKE THE POINT THAT IF VIETNAM WOULD NOT WORK FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CAMBODIAN QUESTION, THE ASEANS WOULD MAKE IT AS DIFFICULT AS POSSIBLE FOR HANOI~~. HE SAID THE APPEAL FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE WAS ALSO DIRECTED TO THE U.S. SITTHI SAW THE COMMUNIQUE AS STRONG PUBLIC BACKING BY ASEAN FOR THAILAND. END SUMMARY.

3. ADDRESSEES WILL HAVE NOTED THE STRONG LANGUAGE IN REF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS FOLLOWING THEIR BANGKOK MEETING. WHILE THERE IS LITTLE THAT IS NEW IN THE COMMUNIQUE, ITS LANGUAGE, INCLUDING CONDEMNATION, "BLATANT VIOLATION OF THAILAND'S SOVEREIGNTY," "ILLEGAL AND HOSTILE" ACTIONS BY VIETNAM, ETC., HAS ATTRACTED ATTENTION, AS HAS ~~ITS CALL FOR THE FIRST TIME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO INCREASE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE NOT ONLY FOR THE CAMBODIANS' POLITICAL BATTLE, BUT FOR THE RESISTANCE'S MILITARY STRUGGLE AS WELL~~. THIS LATTER POINT WAS UNDERLINED IN A QUESTION TO FM SITTHI SAWETSILA IN THE JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE MINISTERS' MEETING. ASKED IF THE MINISTERS WERE SOLICITING DIRECT MILITARY AID FOR THE RESISTANCE, SITTHI REPLIED THAT THEY WERE. "IT (THE APPEAL) INCLUDES EVERYONE THAT IS WILLING...TO HELP." MAKING AN ANOLOGY TO ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO AFGHANS, SITTHI SAID: "WE CALL THEM RESISTANCE FIGHTERS IN KAMPUCHEA. THEY ARE ENTITLED TO FIGHT FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE. THEY CANNOT FIGHT WITH THEIR BARE HANDS, YOU SEE. AS LONG AS THE SOVIET UNION KEEPS SENDING TANKS, ARTILLERY AND ALL SORTS OF WEAPONS, WHY DO YOU EXPECT THESE KAMPUCHEANS TO SURVIVE IF THEY HAVE NOTHING? SO MY ANSWER IS YES, DEPEND ON THE NATIONS THAT ARE WILLING TO HELP."

4. IN A CONVERSATION FEB. 13 WITH THE AMBASSADOR, SITTHI SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE ASEAN MEETING WAS TO BACK UP THAILAND. HE SAID ~~THE MINISTERS WANTED TO TELL THE WORLD THAT THEY WERE DETERMINED THAT IF VIETNAM IS NOT PREPARED TO WORK FOR A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CAMBODIAN PROBLEM, THEN ASEAN WILL GIVE THEM AS MANY PROBLEMS AS POSSIBLE~~. SITTHI NOTED THAT ~~IN VIEW OF VIETNAM'S INTRANSIGENCE, WE SHOULDN'T TRY TO HIDE OUR OR OTHERS' MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE. THERE'S NOTHING ILLEGAL ABOUT IT~~. SITTHI ADDED THAT ALL THE MINISTERS HAD APPROVED ~~THIS LINE AND HE BELIEVED THEY WOULD ALL CONTRIBUTE TO SUPPORT OF THE RESISTANCE, POLITICALLY OR MILITARILY~~.

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5. SITTHI ALSO SAID THAT THE COMMUNIQUE WAS ALSO MEANT TO SEND A "STRONG SIGNAL" TO THE U.S. TO PROVIDE MILITARY SUPPORT TO THE RESISTANCE. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS OF COURSE UP TO THE U.S. HOW TO RESPOND AND HE EXPECTED ANY RESPONSE WOULD COME THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION IN WHICH THIS SUBJECT IS USUALLY DISCUSSED.

6. ASKED ABOUT THE MEETING OF THE ASEAN FONMINSWITH COALITION LEADERS, SITTHI SAID THE CHIEF MESSAGE WAS TO SIHANOUK AND SON SANN TO COOPERATE, AND COMBINE THE NON-LIMDIS

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COMMUNIST EFFORTS BY WORKING THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEES. SITTHI SAID THE TWO LEADERS SHOULD STOP ACTING AS FACTION LEADERS AND BEGIN ACTING AS PART OF THE CGDK. IN THIS RESPECT, HE SAID, SON SANN WAS TOED. HE HAD TO MAKE SOME "CONCRETE" DEMONSTRATIONS OF CO-OPERATION RATHER THAN CONTINUING TO MERELY SUPPORT IT RHETORICALLY. FOR EXAMPLE, HE SHOULD ACCOMPANY SIHANOUK ON THE LATTER'S VISIT TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. (SEPTTEL REPORTS THAT THIS VISIT HAS APPARENTLY BEEN RE-SCHEDULED WITH SON SANN'S PARTICIPATION.)

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SUBJECT: ~~SINGAPORE'S FOREIGN MINISTER CALLS FOR~~  
~~US ARMS AID TO THE CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE~~

REF: (A) SINGAPORE 1795 (NOTAL); (B) BANGKOK 9060 (NOTAL)

1. (U) IN AN AIRPORT STATEMENT ON HIS RETURN FROM  
A TRIP TO QATAR AND THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES  
FEBRUARY 18, SINGAPORE'S FOREIGN MINISTERS. ~~DHANABALAN TOLD REPORTERS THAT THERE ARE~~  
~~NO GROUNDS FOR A CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES POLICY~~  
~~OF NOT PROVIDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE~~~~NON-COMMUNIST CAMBODIAN RESISTANCE.~~ EVERYBODY  
KNOWS THAT THE US SUPPORTS FREEDOM-FIGHTERS IN  
AFGHANISTAN AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD,  
HE SAID, AND ADDED THAT CAMBODIA IS AS GOOD A  
CAUSE TO SUPPORT AS ANY. THE PRINCIPLES ARE  
THE SAME: NATIONAL TERRITORY HAS BEEN VIOLATED  
AND OCCUPIED BY FOREIGN FORCES AND NATIONALS  
ARE FIGHTING FOR THEIR COUNTRY'S INDEPENDENCE.  
DHANABALAN SAID THAT THE CAMBODIANS SHOULD BE  
SUPPORTED, BUT THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT  
WHETHER OR WHEN US POLICY MIGHT CHANGE.2. (U) DHANABALAN ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER  
THE SITUATION IN ANZUS RESULTING FROM THE  
NEW ZEALAND BAN ON US NAVAL VISITS. ~~REPORTERS~~  
~~THAT THE "MISUNDERSTANDING" AMONG~~  
~~ANZUS MEMBERS SHOULD BE STUDIED IN DETAIL.~~3. (U) DHANABALAN SAID THAT QATAR AND THE UNITED  
ARAB EMIRATES SUPPORT ASEAN'S POSITION ON CAMBODIA,  
BUT NOTED THAT HE DID NOT RAISE THE QUESTION OF  
MILITARY AID TO THE RESISTANCE IN HIS CONVERSATIONS  
WITH GULF STATES' OFFICIALS. HE TOLD REPORTERS  
THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THE GULF STATES WOULD  
GIVE POLITICAL SUPPORT AND HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE  
TO CAMBODIA WHEN NEEDED. HE SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED  
CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GULF COOPERATION  
COUNCIL AND ASEAN, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO  
THE COORDINATION OF STRATEGIES IN INTERNATIONAL  
FORA. OTHER ASPECTS OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH UAE  
AND QATAR LEADERS REPORTEDLY DEALT WITH SALES  
FROM THE GULF OF LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS AND  
"NITROGEN PRODUCTS."4. (S) COMMENT: ~~DHANABALAN'S STATEMENTS TO THE~~  
~~PRESS ON CAMBODIA ARE CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WE~~  
~~HAVE BEEN HEARING PRIVATELY FROM SINGAPOREAN~~  
~~OFFICIALS WHO HAVE INCREASINGLY DRAWN ON THE~~  
~~AFGHANISTAN ANALOGY TO JUSTIFY THE APPROPRIATENESS~~  
~~OF US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE KHMER RESISTANCE.~~  
AT THE SAME TIME, DHANABALAN'S REMARKS ARE IN  
LINE WITH THE THRUST OF THE JOINT STATEMENT  
ISSUED FOLLOWING THE ASEAN FOREIGN MINISTERS'  
MEETING IN BANGKOK, WHICH ~~WAS DONE ON THE~~

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**INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO "INCREASE SUPPORT  
AND ASSISTANCE TO THE KAMPUCHEAN PEOPLE IN  
THEIR POLITICAL AND MILITARY STRUGGLE...."**

AS NOTED IN REF B, THIS APPEAL WAS PRIMARILY  
AIMED AT THE US.

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